

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Congresswoman Loretta Sanchez (CA-47), Vice Chair of the House Homeland Security Committee, today issued the following statement in advance of tomorrow's anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks:

"Tomorrow, Americans across the country will honor the thousands of men, women, and children who lost their lives on September 11, 2001. We send our thoughts and prayers to all the families who lost loved ones in the attacks on New York and Washington, and in Shanksville.

"We also honor the heroic service of those first responders, law enforcement personnel, volunteers, and others who bravely risked their own lives to help the victims. Their selfless actions remind us that courage, kindness, and self-sacrifice will persist even in the face of unspeakable evil and destruction. These are the principles we should honor when we reflect on September 11.

"In the wake of that terrible tragedy, our country stood stronger and more united than ever before. Let us always remember that sense of common purpose, and the importance of standing together as one American family."